

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 584

By Alexander

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward “Cornbread” Griffiths II of Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Edward Griffiths II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffiths was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Griffiths served with acumen and alacrity as a Chattanooga police officer, having worked in the homicide, auto theft, task-force, and arson divisions, and as an EMT and paramedic for the City of Chattanooga Fire Department, in which positions he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his dedication to the citizens of his community; and

WHEREAS, he later entered Nursing School, graduating from Chattanooga State in 1989, and continued nursing until 2008 after retiring from the Chattanooga Fire Department, which he served for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, Edward Griffiths was an active member of the Republican Party, which he served for many years in Hamilton and Marion counties, as well as on several state and federal campaigns, and enjoyed serving as Chairman of the Marion County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Connie Sexton Griffiths, and was the proud father of daughters, Cassandra Griffiths-Welden and her husband Wesley, and Rebekah Schlotterbeck and her husband Christian, proud grandfather of Alyssa Welden

and Abigail Schlotterbeck, proud great-grandfather of Travis and Paje Welden, and brother to Robert Griffiths, all of whom survive Mr. Griffiths; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Engle and Lillie Lou Russell Griffiths, and his sister, Dora Taylor, and

WHEREAS, Edward "Cornbread" Griffiths II leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that Edward Griffiths II was a man dedicated to his community, which he served in a multitude of ways as long as he lived, and we hereby honor this Tennessean who represents much of what the Volunteer State stands for and who will be remembered for his public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.